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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 (b) as a Continuation Application of prior application No. 09/77,583 filed on February 6, 2001.

Prior application information: Examiner: VERSTEEG, STEVEN H. Group Art Unit: 1753

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied herewith as indicated below, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of 04/19/2002 SSESHE1 00000013 500710 10074151  
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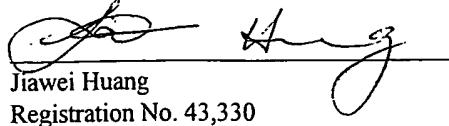
- Specification in (12) pages.
- (4) sheets of drawings.
- A Preliminary Amendment.
- A copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application is enclosed.
- A TWO-MONTH extension of time for responding the Final Office Action mailed on September 11, 2001 regarding the prior application No. 09/77,583 is requested.
- Return prepaid postcard.

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- A check in the amount of \$ 1140 to cover the filing fee and the time extension fee is enclosed.
- The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional necessary fee to Account No. 50-0710 (Order No. JCLA5041-CA2). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 5 described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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